

Extended studies students welcome

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On behalf of Rhodes University it is my great pleasure to welcome you to Rhodes University and, in particular, to the Extended Studies programme at Rhodes.

You have made an excellent choice in applying to and choosing Rhodes. I would like to think that your choice is based on being aware that we are a University committed to providing students with an exciting and positive educational and social experience and producing high quality graduates who can contribute to addressing the development challenges of our country and African continent.

Not everyone who applies to Rhodes is or can be offered admission. And so, in offering you admission, very importantly, we have also chosen you. And we have chosen you for five very good reasons because:

- You are *eligible* to be considered for admission
- In our approach to admissions we want to recognise that those who deserve admission are not only students with excellent grades and 35 points and above, but also those who display a will to succeed and have the potential and talent to succeed. We think you have the brains, intellect and the talent and potential – your problem is mainly that you unfortunately have being short-changed by our schools and therefore under-prepared for the demands of a university degree. I hope you will also show the courage and will to succeed.
- You bring insights and experiences that enrich this University
- Given our history and commitments you help us to ensure that there is greater diversity, which is very

important for a high quality educational experience

- We believe that we can support you to succeed.

You choosing us, and us choosing you, means that we are entering into a partnership where there is a mutual commitment to learning, and the pursuit of knowledge – because this is one of the key purposes of a University.

Our responsibility is to provide you through the Extended Studies Programme the environment and support that develops your intellect, expertise and skills and supports you to graduate with a Rhodes University degree.

Your responsibility is to grasp the opportunities that Rhodes provides and to develop your talents and promise to the full.

Reading for a Rhodes University degree is a challenge. I urge you to take seriously the considerable demands that your academic programme will make on your mind and time. It is vital that you strike a good balance between the requirements of your academic studies and the many temptations and distractions of campus life.

The Rhodes University slogan is *Where Leaders Learn!* You have the wonderful opportunity to learn and develop and graduate as a leader. I hope you will seize this opportunity.